

SUSTAINABILITY GOAL #9

All Department of Defense (DOD) and Fort Carson procurement actions support sustainability.



Where the goal fits in the Fort Carson Strategic Action Plan

- Goal #1 Promote mutual respect, professional development, personal growth and teamwork, while celebrating success.
- Goal #2 Provide the services and support that contribute to mission readiness.
- Goal #3 Positively contribute to the spiritual, physical, psychological, and emotional well-being of the Mountain Post Community and create opportunities to enhance understanding of Fort Carson for our local neighbors.
- Goal #4 Provide vibrant, healthy, safe and environmentally-friendly places and Hometown services for the Mountain Post.
- Goal #5 Transform Fort Carson people, processes, products, places and profits – to show by our actions what sustainability and environmental management is, and its critical role in meeting the mission in all its dimensions by 2027.

PROCUREMENT

New furnishings purchased for Fort Carson are selected using a life-cycle approach. Choosing furniture made primarily of wood and steel gives Fort Carson options at the end of furniture's life cycle – it can be deconstructed and recycled, reused or sold, diverting waste from landfills and possibly providing income from commodity sales.

Fort Carson is in the process of implementing a green cleaning policy. The Envision Express store on the Installation supports this effort by stocking sustainable cleaning products for purchase and use by employees, Soldiers and contractors.

The Garrison Commander approved a sustainable paper policy in January, which requires 50 percent post-consumer recycled content, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified virgin product, process chlorine free manufacturing and two-sided printing. Buying sustainable products has multiple benefits to up- and down-stream stakeholders and supports the innovation and creation of cleaner, greener products and systems.

FUTURE GOAL 9 INITIATIVES:

- Incorporate sustainability performance into Fort Carson contracts to expand the market for sustainable materials and services while simultaneously educating contractors, suppliers and employees about sustainable business practices.
- Increase education and information about sustainable purchases to Garrison decision-makers and outside stakeholders.
- Initiate the use of life-cycle analysis on selected procurement actions.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Working with government agencies on Fort Carson that have competing goals, overlapping purchasing networks and separate approval systems to overcome procurement challenges. Fort Carson continues to pursue efficiencies in these networks and organizations to improve sustainable purchasing opportunities.



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- Engaging markets for sustainable products and services that are still emerging and expanding. As products and industry conform to improving standards, compelling sustainable examples are emerging.
- Ensuring procurement efforts are not just focused on "green" procurement, which does not include the social impacts and often is a lesser environmental standard than systems-oriented, sustainable procurement.

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Soldier barracks are becoming increasingly sustainable, from their construction, to furniture purchased and the nontoxic cleaning products used in them.